

Leicester Savings Bank Fund Guidelines

The Leicester Savings Bank Fund (LSB) was created in 1998 with the intention of creating a permanent resource to financially support organizations, initiatives and projects that improve the strength and vibrancy of the Leicester community.

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) organizations or fiscally sponsored programs
- Preference given to organizations based in and doing their work in Leicester
- The proposed work is set to begin at a date after payment is made.
- Operating costs, project expenses and/or capital expenses

Scope & Requirements

- Average grant size is \$3,000
- Larger projects should demonstrate they can secure additional funding
- Grant should be expended within 18 months of disbursement
- In lieu of a formal report, grantees will engage in a follow up conversation with staff
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Areas of Support

1. *Community Vibrancy*
 - a. Community Events
 - b. Recreation opportunities
 - c. Artistic performances and classes
2. *Critical Community Services*
 - a. *Human Services*
 - b. *Community Development*
 - c. *Education*
3. *Support for our most vulnerable community members*
 - a. *Senior Citizens*
 - b. *Basic Needs*

Selection Criteria: Projects will be assessed in the following areas:

- Commitment to Leicester
- Impact on residents
- Feasibility of the project

What we are not able to support

- Individuals
- Businesses

How We Can Help:

- Applicants are encouraged to reach out to GWCF Program staff before submitting an application to discuss project details.
- GWCF staff are happy to offer coaching on your application
- All applications receive a thorough and fair review and will be notified of your decision.
- You are encouraged to set up a feedback conversation with staff to learn more about your application review.